

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL LEE JOHNSON,

Defendant.

Case: 1:18-cr-20794  
Judge: Ludington, Thomas L.  
MJ: Morris, Patricia T.  
Filed: 11-28-2018 At 04:24 PM  
INDI USA v. Michael Lee Johnson (krc)

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**INDICTMENT**

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**COUNT 1**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 13, 1151, 1152 and M.C.L. 750.349b)**  
**(Unlawful Imprisonment)**

On or about October 23, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Michael Lee Johnson**, a non-Indian, knowingly restrained C.J., an Indian, under the circumstance that C.J. was secretly confined and C.J. was restrained to facilitate the commission of another felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 13, 1151, 1152 and M.C.L. 750.349b.

**COUNT 2**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(8), 1151 and 1152)**  
**(Assault of an Intimate or Dating Partner by Strangulation**  
**or Attempted Strangulation)**

On or about October 24, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Michael Lee Johnson**, a non-Indian, assaulted C.J., an Indian and his intimate and dating partner by attempting to strangle and by strangling her, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(8), 1151 and 1152.

**COUNT 3**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(8), 1151 and 1152)**  
**(Assault of an Intimate or Dating Partner by Suffocation**  
**or Attempted Suffocation)**

On or about October 24, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Michael Lee Johnson**, a non-Indian, assaulted C.J., an Indian and his intimate and dating partner by attempting to suffocate and by suffocating her, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(8), 1151 and 1152.

**COUNT 4**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 2261(a)(1) & (2), 1151)**  
**(Interstate Domestic Violence)**

On or about October 24, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Michael Lee Johnson**, a non-Indian, left Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, with the intent to injure and intimidate C.J., his intimate partner and dating partner, and caused C.J. to leave Indian country by force, coercion, and duress, while in the course of and as a result of said travel, committed domestic violence, a crime of violence against C.J., in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261(a)(1) & (2), 1151.

**COUNT 5**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3))**  
**(Witness Tampering)**

On or about October 23, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Michael Lee Johnson**, knowingly intimidated, threatened, and corruptly persuaded C.J., or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of the United States of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense and a violation of conditions of parole, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3).

**COUNT 6**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3))**  
**(Witness Tampering)**

On or about October 24, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Michael Lee Johnson**, knowingly intimidated, threatened, and corruptly persuaded C.J., or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of the United States of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense and a violation of conditions of parole, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3).

**COUNT 7**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3))**  
**(Witness Tampering)**

On or about October 25, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, **Michael Lee Johnson**, knowingly intimidated, threatened, and corruptly persuaded C.J., or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of the United States of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a Federal offense and a violation of conditions of parole, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3).



**COUNT 8**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(4), 1151 and 1152)**  
**(Assault by Striking, Beating or Wounding)**

On or about October 23, 2018, in the Northern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan, within Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, that is, the Isabella Reservation, **Michael Lee Johnson**, a non-Indian, did assault by striking, beating and wounding, C.J., an Indian, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(4), 1151 and 1152.

Dated: November 28, 2018

THIS IS A TRUE BILL

s/Grand Jury Foreperson  
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**Companion Case information MUST be completed by AUSA and initialed**United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan**Criminal Case Cover Sheet****Case Number**

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete it accurately in all respects.

**Companion Case Information**This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4)<sup>1</sup>:☐ Yes☒ No

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**Case Title:** USA v. Michael Johnson**County where offense occurred:** Isabella**Check One:** ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**       Indictment/        Information --- **no** prior complaint.  X   Indictment/        Information --- based upon prior complaint [18-mj-30567]       Indictment/        Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].**Superseding Case Information****Superseding to Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
- ☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
- ☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

**Defendant name****Charges****Prior Complaint (if applicable)****Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.**

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